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Four Weeks From To-Day Court Will Convene in Roswell For the First Time in a Year.

## IRRIGATION.

Private Enterprise in This Field Is a Delusion and a Snare.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S DUTY

The Public Property Should be Saved Before it is Everlastingly too Late.

Some of the opponents of national irrigation, who would like to see all the resources of the west reserved for speculation, are asserting that the work which the Government has undertaken might be performed more economically by private enterprise. The claim is utterly untenable, and for reasons which are obvious upon the slightest consideration.

To begin with, there is scarcely a place where important irrigation work may be done without acquiring a certain amount of private property. Reservoir sites and sometimes prior appropriations in the water supply, must be purchased in order to clear the way for a comprehensive undertaking.

It often happens that such properties have been held for years with a view of selling at high prices when the time for development shall arrive. The private promoter who has selected his field of operations is easily subject to a hold-up. He must have the privileges, or abandon his enterprise.

The government is in a very different situation. The irrigation law charges the Secretary of the Interior with the duty of investigating opportunities for reclamation in sixteen states and territories, in each of which there are many chances for the profitable expenditure of funds at his disposal. When his experts have determined what is a reasonable price for the property needed in a given locality, he is in a position to say, "Take it, or leave it." And everybody understands that he means business.

The declaration of his proposition means simply that his field of operations will be instantly transferred elsewhere. He has nothing at stake in the matter. If one locality does not want the help of Uncle Sam, then there are fifty others that do. He can, of course, proceed by condemnation to acquire the property and have the case tried in a community which is quite certain to treat him fairly, but his strong card is the fact that the demand for government aid far exceeds the supply and that he may, therefore, always make far better terms than private parties could hope to do, thus effecting a considerable saving in the initial cost of the work.

But this advantage is far less important than the one which the government enjoys in the financial side. It is notoriously difficult to finance private irrigation enterprises nowadays. It is never done except upon the promise of enormous profits. Examine the average promoter's prospectus, and you will find the proposition runs about like this:

The land is worthless without water; the company controls the only possible source of supply. When this is developed, the land will instantly be worth from \$25 to \$50 per acre unimproved, or twice as much after improvement. It will cost only \$5 to \$10 per acre to bring land and water together. The government price of the land is \$1.25 per acre. The difference between the cost of land and water and the value of these elements when they have been united is "profit." And the prospectus usually figures that this will range all the way from 100 to 500 per cent. Usually these alluring figures are still further inflated by the suggestion that the company can obtain plenty of dry land itself at government figures and hold it for speculation.

But the glittering prospectus is not yet done with the homeseeker who forms the basis of all these cheerful expectations. It will be noted that he is to practically buy the system at several times its cost, but is he to own it afterwards? Decidedly not. The company still owns it and collects an annual rental for the use of the water to pay dividends—on what? On a purely fictitious capitalization—stocks and bonds which represent no investment except the cost of paper and ink.

This is the way private enterprise builds irrigation works in the west. And the opponents of national irrigation say it is cheaper than government enterprise. Cheaper for whom?

It is certainly not cheaper for the man who wants to get a home on the land. Even if the glittering expectations of profit are never realized, exorbitant interest must be paid for the use of the construction fund. Men do not send their money into new countries on ordinary terms. They demand a part of the fabulous profit which their capital is expected to create.

Is it cheaper for the people of the United States—for industrial interests of every description whose prosperity is to be enhanced by the opening and settlement of a mighty empire in which millions of men shall ultimately make their homes?

This method is indeed much less costly to the people of the United States than to leave the development

## NEW GENERAL MANAGER.

W. D. Lee Succeeds Col. W. S. Hopewell on Santa Fe Central.

A change in the office of general manager of the Santa Fe Central railway was announced today by President W. H. Andrews. General Manager W. S. Hopewell has tendered his resignation, so as to devote his entire time and attention to the construction of the Albuquerque Eastern branch of the Santa Fe Central and the affairs of the Pennsylvania Development company and the New Mexico Fuel and Iron company, of which enterprises he is the general manager.

Pursuant to the stepping down and out of the general manager's office of the Santa Fe Central, Col. Hopewell will be succeeded by W. D. Lee, who for nearly a quarter of a century has been identified with the Denver & Rio Grande system. President Andrews' general order to the heads of the various departments of the Santa Fe Central, and the retirement of Col. Hopewell as general manager, and appointment of Mr. Lee as his successor was announced as follows:

"Santa Fe Central Railway Company, Office of the President, Santa Fe, N. M., October 1, 1903.

"To Whom It May Concern: "Colonel W. S. Hopewell has this day resigned as general manager of the Santa Fe Central railway, in order to devote his time to the affairs

service.

## Change in Time Card.

The initial order issued by General Manager Lee of the Santa Fe Central railway, was the abandonment of the night schedule on that system and substituting a day local train service.

Beginning tomorrow morning, October 3, the Santa Fe Central train will leave the capital city at 11 a. m. arriving at Torrance at 5 p. m. The crew will then lay over at Torrance all night and on returning leave there at 8 a. m. arriving in Santa Fe at 2 o'clock p. m.

## FIRE AT AMARILLO.

Union Depot and Wells-Fargo Baggage Room Burned.

The union depot and Wells-Fargo baggage room at Amarillo were totally destroyed by fire last night at about 10:30 o'clock. The origin of the fire is a mystery and it is thought to be incendiary. The fire department was slow in getting out and the fire had been burning for forty-five minutes before they arrived at the scene. The Wells-Fargo baggage room was about twenty feet from the depot.

## CHIEF JUSTICE MILLS

Passed Through the City Last Evening En Route to Carlsbad.

Chief Justice W. J. Mills of Las Vegas passed through the city yesterday afternoon enroute to Carlsbad, where he opened court today and will be the presiding judge for the present term of court. He was met at the train here and was taken for a short drive by G. A. Richardson.

## The City Schools.

One month of school work has been completed. 953 pupils have been enrolled. Looking over the records for last year the report for the first month cannot be found; but during November, 1902, 820 pupils were enrolled. In September, 1900, there were 462. And in December session 1894-5 200 were enrolled.

From '94 to the present there was a rapid growth and increase in attendance. Doubtless the enrollment will be even greater when the whooping cough is over.

The time has passed for entering pupils who have never been to school and are entering for the first time. So no pupils will be permitted to enter the grades at the opera house after today.

Mr. Chaves and the committee for the World's fair exhibits are very anxious to have our schools make an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. We will give the plans for this exhibit in the near future.

Roswell schools are now the largest in the Territory except Cheyenne. It will take considerable money to get up a real good exhibit, but we should be satisfied with nothing less than the best.

The teachers selected by the Board of Education are the best that could have been employed for the salaries paid. It is believed that the schools are now entering one of the most prosperous years of their history. Let every patron feel that the school interests are his and act accordingly. Perhaps the patrons do not know that their presence in the schools is solicited. Remember you have a standing invitation to visit the schools whenever you can. The schools are always helped by visits from the patrons.

The new building on Military Heights will be completed some time during this session. This will aid greatly in reducing the number in the already crowded rooms. We hope to have this building ready by the first of February.

J. F. STILWELL.

## Ranch Party.

Saturday afternoon the following party chaperoned by Mrs. Sylvester Johnson went out to the Diamond A ranch and remained until yesterday afternoon. A delightful time is reported. Misses Lydia Johnson, Helen Kessler, Edith Geyer, Minnie Page, Reed, and Little Miss Pearl Johnson and Helena Sutherland and Master Sylvester P. Johnson escorted by Mr. Frank Parks.

Silver Plating outfit for sale. Inquire at this office. wtldt2.

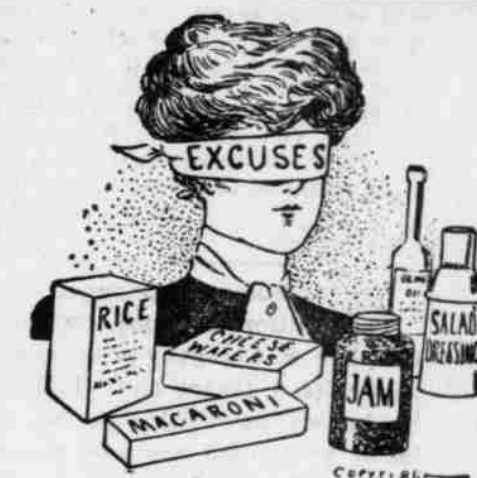
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of their public domain to promoters, and speculators, and to have the homeseeker burdened with the obligation to pay impossible profits to those who have made a monopoly of the water supply. The prosperity of all means the prosperity of each.

Private enterprise has had its inning in connection with the irrigation industry of the west. And it has failed—failed utterly and miserably, leaving a trail of disappointed investors and broken-hearted settlers. Now, let the government go forward with its great plan of creating comprehensive works and turning them over to the people at actual cost. Uncle Sam has the cheapest money and employs the best talent in every direction. No private corporation can compete with him in laying the foundation for civilization in these valleys off he west.

But one thing Uncle Sam must not fail to do in order to realize his expectations. He must save the public property before it is everlastingly too late—before the timber-clothed water-sheds and the fertile agricultural valleys are all absorbed by the land grabbers. He must repeal the laws that make possible this nameless outrage upon the country and its people.

WILLIAM E. SMYTHE.

of the Pennsylvania Development company, to the building of the Albuquerque Eastern and the New Mexico Fuel and Iron company's property, of which he is general manager.

"W. D. Lee is hereby appointed as general manager of the Santa Fe Central railway, and heads of departments will report to him.

"W. H. ANDREWS."

Mr. Lee, the new general manager, for the past twenty-two years has served in various capacities with the Denver & Rio Grande. For the past eleven years he has been the superintendent of the Rio Grande Southern, with headquarters at Salida. He is a thoroughly competent railroad official, and comes to the Santa Fe Central with the best wishes of the officials of the system with which he was so long identified.

Mr. Lee is a native of Ohio, and has a wife and two children. He will remove his family to Santa Fe immediately, and make his headquarters in the new general offices of the Santa Fe Central in the Catron building. Among the first of the important changes to be made by Mr. Lee will be the establishment of a day schedule for the trains operated by the company, between the capital city and Torrance, so as to give the residents along the line a local day

The report was current on the street last week that the Graham Book Store was closing out its business. Being sick in bed at the time this is my first opportunity to deny the report. I wish to emphatically state that this report is untrue, and to say I am enlarging the store and have ordered some new fixtures, and will continue to increase my business as heretofore.

J. A. GRAHAM,  
Proprietor of Graham's Book Store.

Stock Taking I have just gotten through, and as is always the case, lots of broken packages of writing paper, stationery, etc. turn up. I will put all of them on the Bargain counter at greatly reduced prices. They are just as good inside only the boxes are soiled or broken.

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